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E.O. 11652: GDS, 12/31/79

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DEFENSE PROPOSALS

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 11, CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES REFERRED TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL REGARDING FUTURE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, AND SAID THE GOC WISHED TO MAKE ITS PROPOSAL PUBLIC IN CANADA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. MENZIES HOPED THAT THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD ENDORSE SACLAN'T'S "ON BALANCE POSITIVE VIEWS" SOON AND AGREE THAT, ON BALANCE, THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL WAS A GOOD ONE. MENZIES THEN HOPED FOR EARLY DPC APPROVAL OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL UNDER THE "SILENT PROCEDURE."

3. UK PERMREP PECK SAID HMG HAD RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER A 7 PERCENT YEARLY INCREASE IN CANADIAN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF INFLATION. MENZIES REPLIED THAT THE CENTRAL PRINCIPLE IN THE PROPOSAL WAS CANADA'S GOAL TO INCREASE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FROM 11.4 PERCENT TO 17.6 PERCENT.

4. I RESERVED THE U.S. POSITION CONCERNING THE "SILENT CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEDURE" IDEA, SAYING THAT I WISHED TO CONSIDER AND TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH DEFENSE EXPERTS.  
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